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Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the number of district boards which respected the Government Order prohibiting a frequent change of text-books, and those that were particularly asked not to change the text-books this year? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" We have received representations with regard to a few district boards who have acted in contravention of the Government Order, and the matter is being enquired."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" What steps do Government propose to take to see that the district boards respect Government Orders? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" That will be considered only after the matter is fully enquired into."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" Do the Government believe that the order passed by the Government is very sound in this respect? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Certainly it is sound."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" Do the Government believe that they are not really helping a few monopolist companies by saying that text-books ought not to be changed for years to come? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I do not think so at all. The publishers themselves are protesting against this order."

Shifting of the Government Girls' High School, Salem, to the premises formerly occupied by the Government Training School.

* 423 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed for shifting the Government Girls' High School at Salem town to the buildings occupied by the Government Training School;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) whether the Girls' High School has been shifted to the other building and, if so, when;

(*d*) what has been done with the building hitherto occupied by the Girls' High School;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Municipality of Salem has offered to take the said building for their use;

(*f*) if so, on what conditions; and what orders have been passed in the matter; and

(*g*) what the present book value of the said buildings is?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The matter is under consideration.

(*g*) The Government have no information.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" In answer to clause (*b*), the answer is ' no.' What difficulty is there in placing such an order on the table of the House? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The Government Order relates to such a trivial and unimportant matter that they do not think it necessary to place it on the table of the House, Sir? "

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, why the girls' school has not been shifted to the other building yet? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I cannot give the reasons now."

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Auction of toddy shops in Bellary.

* 424 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the four toddy shops of Bellary were auctioned in one lot this year in the month of July;

(*b*) if so, whether such grouping was being done in the previous years;

(*c*) if not, whether the system of grouping was notified giving sufficient time for bidders to realise the change and be prepared for it;

(*d*) whether such a grouping was recommended by licensing boards;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that in Kurnool, not only all the two toddy shops of the town but also twelve shops of the fourteen adjoining villages were grouped together and sold in one lot this year; and

(*f*) at whose instance such a procedure was adopted and what the reasons are for adopting such a course?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No shops have been sold in groups in previous years in Bellary. The group sale is, however, a recognized method of disposing of shops when the local circumstances indicate that it is desirable.

(*c*) The Government have no reason to think that sufficient notice of the sale was not given.

(*d*) It is not the duty of the Licensing Boards to advise on such matters.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) In the case of Bellary, the Commissioner of Excise; in the case of Kurnool, the Collector. In both cases because the adoption of the method seemed desirable in the interests of the Government revenue.